(b) Once the Treaty comes into force after it is ratified by both the Contracting States and the instruments of ratification are exchanged, the Government would forward extradition requests to the U.A.E. Government in as many cases as required.

CIA's Planned Infiltration in Kargil

336. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Tribune dated May 28, 1999, captioned "CIA planned infiltration"; and

(b) if so, whether Government have since caused a probe into the likelihood of CIA's hand behind the massive infiltration in Kargil sector by Pak and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report does not quote any sources or, in any other way, corroborate the information. All matters relating to the intrusion in Kargil is the subject of a review by a Committee.

Indo-French Forum

337. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions taken in the second meeting of Indo-French Forum;

(b) what are the areas in which we can benefit from the French experience and expertise;

(c) whether France has promised direct investment in any field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) The Indo-French Forum, during its second meeting which was held on February 16 & 17, 1999 in New Delhi, made several recommendations for enhancing co-operation in various fields between India and France. The Forum identified the specific areas of water management, AIDS research, Space, information technology, transportation, Agriculture and food processing, culture, education and tourism for further co-operation between the two countries. The Forum also suggested that a meeting of Indian and French legal experts be organised, that an independent web site for the Indo-French Forum be set up and that an Indo-French Water Technology Week be arranged. Following the recommendations of the Forum, the Indo-French Forum web site has